

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING SPECIALIST ANTONIO
MOORE

HON. DAVID ROUZER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 3, 2020

Mr. ROUZER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and sacrifice of the late Specialist Antonio Isaac Devante Moore, of Wilmington, N.C.

Just 22 years old, Specialist Moore tragically passed in the service of his country on January 24, 2020 in Green Village, Syria in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. He was a member of the 346th Engineer Company, part of the 411th Engineer Brigade stationed in Knightdale, N.C. Though only his first deployment, he had already won the respect of his superiors and his fellow soldiers. His awards and decorations include the National Defense Service Medal and the Army Service Ribbon.

A 2016 graduate of John T. Hoggard High School, Specialist Moore played football there all four years. He worked part time at Katy's Grill and Bar in Wilmington where he was fondly remembered. "If everyone else was having a bad day, all you had to do was look at Tony," said a former co-worker.

Specialist Moore is survived by his parents in Wilmington, as well as four siblings. On behalf of North Carolina's 7th District and the entire U.S. Congress, I extend our deepest sympathy to his loved ones and friends. They are in our prayers. We will always be grateful for his service, sacrifice and commitment to his country. He was a patriot and a devoted American soldier whose memory will always be cherished.

HONORING DALE KLINE

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 3, 2020

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dale Kline who is being honored as the Citizen of the Year by the City of Novato for his exemplary public service.

Born in 1961 in Winslow, Arizona, Mr. Kline and his family lived in many places while his stepfather was in the Navy. They moved to Exmouth Western Australia when Mr. Kline was 14 where he learned to fly gliders and excel in many sports. After his stepfather was tragically killed in a car accident, Mr. Kline's family moved back to California and settled in San Diego. Imbued with a strong sense of duty, Mr. Kline started volunteering for the American Red Cross when he was just 17 years old.

He met his wife in 1979 during a summer college course for high school students, and they married in 1984. When they moved to Novato in 1998, Mr. Kline immediately became

involved in the community as a Little League volunteer and coach for his sons' teams. Later, in 2000, Mr. Kline expanded his volunteer roles by joining the Novato Youth Soccer Association. In addition to taking on coaching roles, he joined its board of directors as an Age Group Coordinator, and later served as its Vice President. In addition to taking courses to become a coach, he became a certified soccer referee and worked tirelessly to mentor youth referees. He was honored with the Boys' Coach of the Year award for his positive attitude and encouraging coaching style.

When his sons started high school, Mr. Kline began volunteering with the Novato High School Athletic Boosters program, which was struggling financially. He took on leadership roles and led fundraising activities, collecting over half a million dollars in donations. In 2009, Mr. Kline received a certificate of special recognition for his volunteer efforts from the Novato Unified School District and an honorary service award from the Novato High School Parent-Teacher-Student Association. Even after his youngest graduated from Novato High School, Mr. Kline continued to volunteer and support the academic boosters. In 2011, after many years of service, he was awarded the Golden Oak Service Award from the California State Parent Teacher Association.

In 2010, Mr. Kline joined the board of directors of School Fuel, the Novato Foundation for Public Education, where he still volunteers today nearly a decade later. He has also been the executive director of Tour of Novato and Fun Fair for the past ten years, where he continues provide stellar community service to the City of Novato. He works closely with the Novato Parks and Recreation, and the Novato Police Department to coordinate an annual event enjoyed by many near and far. Mr. Kline has also served on the Novato Unified School District Bond Oversight Committee, and since 2018 has been a board member on the Novato Chamber of Commerce.

Beyond the positive and indelible impact Mr. Kline has on his community through numerous roles of the course of many years, his most important roles are that of husband and father. Madam Speaker, please join me in expressing deep appreciation for Mr. Kline's commitment to bettering his community and in wishing him the best of luck in all his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF PILGRIM'S
PROGRESS

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 3, 2020

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Pilgrim's Progress Clothing, a family run business in Plymouth, Massachusetts as they close their doors after 42 years.

Founded by Laura Brigida and her children in 1977, the story of Pilgrim's Progress is the

story of determination and family. The tragic passing of Laura's husband, Peter, in 1962 placed the family in precarious situation. Laura went to work for the postal service and was forced to raise their children on her own. Years later, a family meeting was called, and it was decided that together the family would purchase a local clothing store that was for sale in downtown Plymouth. Laura took out a second mortgage on her home and launched a new business.

Over the decades the family run business would evolve and expand to include men's clothing, women's shoes and accessories. Weathering economic turns and an ever-shifting retail landscape, Pilgrim's Progress continued to thrive. Customers came to know their store not only for the fashionable clothing they offer but also for the one-on-one service and advice they received once there.

In 2018, the Brigida family's beloved matriarch, Laura, passed away at the age of 94. Upon her passing, her five children, Jayne, Marie, Joyce, Carol and Peter, took it upon themselves to continue the store that they had created with their mother. The five siblings have continued to strengthen their incredible bond by working together in their family business for so many years. Recently, however, it was decided that it was time to close the family owned store and enjoy a much-deserved retirement.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Pilgrim's Progress Clothing and the dedication of the entire Brigida family as a Plymouth landmark closes.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF COACH
BUDDY NOBLES

HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 3, 2020

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Coach Buddy Nobles of Ocilla, GA who passed away on Thursday, January 23, 2020 after a hard-fought battle with stomach cancer.

Coach Nobles served as the Head Coach of the Irwin County High School football team for the past six seasons, taking his team to the state playoffs during five of those seasons. Despite his battle with cancer, Coach Nobles led the Indians to finish their 2019 season undefeated and win the Class A State Championship, earning him the honor of being named AJC's Class A public-school coach of the year.

Before coming to Irwin County in 2014, Coach Nobles was a high school football coach at various schools in Georgia and Florida for twenty-six seasons, during which, he was part of six Florida state-championship teams. His impressive career was marked by his dedication and love for all his players, and he will be missed by all. Coach Nobles' leadership and fighting spirit served as an inspiration to those who knew him, and his legacy is sure to live on at Irwin County High School.

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I would like to offer my deepest sympathy to the Nobles family and the entire Irwin County community. May you find strength and comfort in remembering the joy Buddy brought to the lives of everyone who knew him.

SGT. PHOEBE R. ORTIZ WINS 2019
USO MARINE OF THE YEAR

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 3, 2020

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the 2019 United Service Organization Marine of the Year, Sergeant Phoebe Ortiz.

Sergeant Ortiz was recognized as the United Service Organization Marine of the Year in December 2019. She joined the Marine Corps in September 2015. In 2016, she completed Recruit Training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, South Carolina and Marine Combat Training at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. In October 2018, Sergeant Ortiz was one of the first female graduates of the elite Marine Corps Mountain Leaders Course, this course takes place at the Mountain Warfare Training Center within the 8th district. The completion of the course qualified her as an instructor for future participants within the program. She regularly organizes events for the single Marines of her command and volunteers in many community outreach initiatives.

Sergeant Ortiz conducts herself in a manner that reflects the exemplary work of our service members. She is not only an outstanding Marine, but a leader within her community and among her peers. I thank Sergeant Ortiz for her service, dedication, work ethic, professionalism and commitment to ensuring the safety and security of all Americans. Semper Fi.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAPTAIN
WILLIAM SPRAGUE

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 3, 2020

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the retirement of Captain William Sprague, Fire Captain of the Eastham Fire Department.

Captain Sprague began his career with the Eastham Fire Department in September of 1979 as a call firefighter. In a few short years, he would be appointed an EMT and later a full-time firefighter. Always putting the needs of the community before his own, Captain Sprague played an incredibly crucial role in keeping the citizens of Eastham safe during Hurricane Bob in 1991.

He received his degree in fire science in 1997, and by 2001, after spending 20 years with the department, he was officially promoted to Fire Captain.

Continuing to put his expertise to practice, Captain Sprague joined the Barnstable County

Technical Rescue Team in 2004, where he joined regional partners to ensure the larger community was prepared during emergencies.

Captain Sprague brought considerable positive change and advanced the importance of teamwork both within his department and throughout Cape Cod.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Captain William Sprague and his commitment to ensuring the safety of our community. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his hard work and dedication as he celebrates his retirement.

HONORING SHERIFF THOMAS
(TOM) ALLMAN

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 3, 2020

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise with my colleague Representative MIKE THOMPSON to recognize Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman on the occasion of his retirement from a long and distinguished career in law enforcement. Thirty-four years of Sheriff Allman's career were spent with Mendocino County Sheriff's Department, where he provided the County with steadfast and effective leadership through major disasters and emergencies, while simultaneously working tirelessly to make Mendocino County a leader in mental health reform.

Born in Sylva, North Carolina, Sheriff Allman grew up between Northern California and North Carolina. After graduating from high school in 1979, he pursued a career in firefighting with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection in San Bernardino County. He returned to Northern California and attended California State University, Chico and the Fire Academy at Butte College. He soon transitioned into a law enforcement career with the Fairfield Police Department in 1982, and joined the Mendocino County Sheriff's Department three years later in 1985.

After his promotion to Lieutenant in 1988, Sheriff Allman made the difficult decision to temporarily volunteer with the United States Department of State as a civilian peacekeeper following the Kosovo War. He served for 12 months as a police presence in 1999, an experience which he has credited with influencing much of his later career, and which began a long history of volunteerism that continued throughout his professional life. He volunteered to support law enforcement efforts following Hurricane Katrina in 2005, and traveled with his local Rotary Club to Southern India in the wake of the 2004 tsunami to build an orphanage.

Sheriff Allman was first elected to the office of Mendocino County Sheriff in 2006, and he served continuously until his retirement in December 2019. Sheriff Allman's 13 years of service in that role have provided continuity and stability for the County through major disasters including the catastrophic wildfires in 2017 and 2018 as well as numerous other challenges faced by the County of Mendocino. He has been a tireless advocate for making broad structural improvements to mental

health resources, while prioritizing the difficult work of investigating serious crimes.

Sheriff Allman's legacy and achievements will continue to be felt in Mendocino County through numerous anti-recidivism programs he spearheaded at the County Jail, including a baking program, resume writing course, and a robust General Education Diploma (GED) program. One of his most significant achievements was the passage of a funding measure for the Mental Health Treatment Act, which has raised roughly \$10 million to date. Sheriff Allman will continue to serve on the Measure B Committee as the Sheriff's Designee.

Madam Speaker, Sheriff Tom Allman has shown throughout his long and distinguished career his dedication to public service and the people of Mendocino County. He has drawn from his personal and professional experiences to apply empathy and problem solving for the betterment of the many individuals and groups he has served over the course of his professional and volunteer life. His commitment to the issues that matter most to his community, and his ability to deliver results, are testaments to his skill and his dedication to law enforcement and public service. I hope you will join us and the community, his family, and many friends in celebrating Sheriff Allman's many accomplishments and in wishing him success and good fortune in his future endeavors.

CLARIFICATION OF CO-
SPONSORSHIP OF H.R. 550

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 3, 2020

Mr. YOUNG. Madam Speaker, on January 30, 2020, the House voted on H.R. 550, the Merchant Mariners of World War II Act of 2019. This bill originally provided for a Congressional Gold Medal to be awarded to the U.S. Merchant Mariners of World War II in recognition of their service. When this bill was drafted, I was an Original Cosponsor, and proudly supported its passage in the House. Regrettably, I was forced to vote against the bill when it returned to the House. Upon its return, the bill was amended to include language I do not support that would repeal the 2002 congressional authorization for the use of military force (AUMF) in Iraq and a prohibition against the use of military force against Iran.

I am, however, proud to have cosponsored and voted for H.R. 5671, which contained the original language for the Merchant Mariners of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2020.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 3, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote January 30 due to National Guard obligations. Had I been present, I would have voted "NAY" on Roll Call No. 33, and "NAY" on Roll Call No. 34.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PASSING
OF THE HONORABLE CONRAD
BLETZER

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 3, 2020

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the life of Conrad “Connie” Bletzer, who served as the Chief Justice of the Newton District Court in Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Born and raised in Brighton, Mr. Bletzer attended Saint Columbkille’s high school and later enrolled at Boston College. During the outbreak of the Korean War, he left his studies to serve his country and enlisted in the United States Army. Upon returning, Connie utilized the GI Bill to continue his studies at Boston College Law School. Graduating at the top of his class, he went on to establish his own law firm, Bletzer & Bletzer, in 1959. In the 1980’s two of his sons joined his law firm and it was there that he would develop a reputation for being a hardworking, fair, and honorable man. In 1990, he moved out of his private practice, and was appointed by then Governor Michael S. Dukakis, to serve as the Presiding Justice of the Newton District Court.

While becoming an extremely successful lawyer, Mr. Bletzer not only excelled in his work but also in his personal relationships with family and friends. A true family man, he was constantly playing hockey or baseball with his children and later his grandchildren. He greatly believed in the positive impact of competitive sports in his community, and served as president of the Brighton Central Little League and even founded the Brighton youth hockey association.

Those who knew Connie knew him as a good man, full of kindness and the desire to help others through the legal system. Mr. Bletzer passed away on the 29th of December, in the comfort of his family and friends, yet his legacy in the Newton community lives on. He is survived by his loving wife, Paula, six children, fifteen grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his commitment to his local community and the people of Massachusetts.

HONORING N. ERIC WEISS, PH.D.
IN CELEBRATION OF HIS RE-
TIREMENT

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 3, 2020

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, N. Eric Weiss, Ph.D., a specialist in financial economics, retired from the Government and Finance Division of the Congressional Research Service (CRS) at the Library of Congress on January 3, 2020. In addition to his 15 years at CRS, Dr. Weiss also worked as an economist and econometrician at the Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Office of Policy Development and Research for 12 years and the Bureau of Economic Analysis for 3 years, for a total of 30 years’ service to the American people. CRS and the Congress

have lost an exceptionally able and dedicated public servant with his departure.

A native of Massachusetts, Dr. Weiss earned a bachelor’s degree from Cornell University in economics and government; he earned a master of arts and doctorate of philosophy, both in economics, from Washington University in St. Louis. Dr. Weiss began his career teaching microeconomics to MBA and undergraduate students at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and although he left academia for federal service, he returned occasionally to teach at the Institute for Urban Studies at the University of Maryland at College Park and the Department of Finance and Real Estate at the Kogod College of Business at American University. Prior to joining CRS, Dr. Weiss also worked in the private sector, providing data management and programming services to clients such as Fannie Mae and various federal agencies.

Dr. Weiss joined CRS in September 2005 as a specialist in financial economics, initially with a concentration in small business lending. He retooled his research portfolio as the housing finance crisis of 2008 to 2009 developed, bringing his nationally-recognized expertise to the forefront as CRS supported Congress in responding to a range of housing-related policy issues, including the state of the housing and mortgage markets and the effectiveness of federal policies toward home ownership. During this period, he provided targeted analysis for Members and staff on the activities of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, government sponsored enterprises (GSEs) to provide liquidity in the mortgage market and promote homeownership for underserved groups and locations. In reports and memoranda for, and personal briefings with, Members and staff, he provided insightful analysis and detailed information on the costs, benefits, and risks of the GSEs, along with their impact on the housing and mortgage markets particularly after being placed under conservatorship.

During this period, Dr. Weiss worked closely with Congress as it drafted the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010. For legislation and oversight hearings, he briefed Members and staffers on current issues and policy options. Dr. Weiss’s published work for CRS demonstrated a detailed understanding of the complex and significant policy issues surrounding these institutions and their operations, winning him praise and achievement awards from CRS.

In addition to his primary coverage areas at CRS, Dr. Weiss (along with fellow colleague Dr. Edward “Ted” V. Murphy) authored “Congress and Financial Crises,” U.S. Congress, Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, The Evolving Congress, committee print, prepared by Congressional Research Service, 113th Cong., 2nd sess., December 2014, S. Prt. 113–30 (Washington: GPO, 2014), pp. 325–352, which provided historical documentation of Congress’ responses to financial crises. Dr. Weiss was also active in professional associations, including the American Economics Association, the American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association, and Women in Housing Finance. He has been a regular participant in, and contributor to, numerous academic conferences in his fields of expertise.

Away from the office, Dr. Weiss and his wife, Sheila, are the proud parents of two adult daughters—Holly and Andrea. In addition

to having more time with family during retirement, he plans to pursue his numerous recreational, artistic, and social interests, including photography, scuba diving around the world, running, woodworking, and membership in a CRS staff book club.

On behalf of the Members of the Joint Economic Committee, I express my deep appreciation to Dr. Weiss for his many years of service to Congress and the American people. I wish him good luck and Godspeed as he completes his professional career and opens a new chapter in a life of commendable public service and rewarding personal achievement.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. C.W.

MILLER

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 3, 2020

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. C.W. Miller, who is retiring as the Assistant Chief after 56 years of dedication with Gloucester County Fire and Rescue. Mr. Miller’s compassionate service to the community is not lost on me or the great people of Virginia’s First District.

Raised in Harcum, Virginia, C.W. grew up in a tight-knit community where neighborly love was a way of life. As a motivated and selfless person, C.W. could not resist the call of duty and joined the Fire and Rescue squad in 1964. After over a decade with Gloucester County, Miller’s achievements did not go unnoticed, and was duly elected as the Assistant Chief in 1978. Since his promotion, Mr. Miller continued to ceaselessly serve and contribute to his community by responding to those in need. According to many of Miller’s close friends and colleagues, he is a warm-hearted man with a passion to serve.

Nevertheless, Mr. Miller has worked through thick and thin during his career. His steadfastness and compassion are worthy of admiration and emulation.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, I ask that you rise with me in recognizing Mr. Miller’s service and wish him the best. On behalf of Virginia’s First District and myself, we thank Mr. Miller.

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY
OF RIVIERA PRES-
BYTERIAN CHURCH

HON. DONNA E. SHALALA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 3, 2020

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I rise in celebration of the 75th anniversary of Riviera Presbyterian Church.

Founded in 1945, Riviera Presbyterian Church provides a religious home for people of faith from the greater Miami area. As a mission-driven church, Riviera Presbyterian Church strives to help improve its community by maintaining an active outreach program. Advocating for undocumented immigrants, the LGBT community, and environmental protection, Riviera Presbyterian Church is committed to promoting equality for all through social justice.

In 75 years of service, Riviera Presbyterian has shown inspiration and love to whoever walks into the church, regardless of culture and background. Riviera Presbyterian was the first Anglo Presbyterian congregation to welcome a black man into pastoral leadership and ordained the first woman of the Presbyterian Church in South Florida. May the church continue to break barriers while assisting our beautiful community.

I'm deeply grateful to Riviera Presbyterian Church for its hard work and dedication to the Miami community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 3, 2020

Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I missed votes on January 29 and January 30 due to joining U.S. Surgeon General VADM Jerome Adams while touring healthcare facilities across the First District. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 29; YEA on Roll Call No. 30; NAY on Roll Call No. 31; YEA on Roll Call No. 32; NAY on Roll Call No. 33; and NAY on Roll Call No. 34.

HONORING MR. RONALD EDWARDS

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 3, 2020

Ms. OMAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing of a prominent Civil Rights activist, leader and advocate Ronald Edwards. He truly loved Minneapolis and is deeply appreciated and treasured by the people of Minneapolis.

Born in Kansas City, Missouri, during the Jim Crow segregation era, Mr. Edwards had early experiences of racial inequality growing up in the south. Mr. Edwards moved to the Twin Cities with his father, who worked on the railroad. Mr. Edwards always fought against racial inequality and injustices not only for the Black community but for everyone. During his lifetime, Mr. Edwards was the longest-serving chair of the Minneapolis Urban League, was prominent leader for the Minneapolis NAACP, led the Minneapolis Civil Rights Commission, and also sat on numerous civic boards and panels. For the past ten years, Mr. Edwards co-hosted a radio program where he used his platform to hold people in power and in the community accountable.

Mr. Edwards was deeply dedicated to his family, friends, and community. He fought passionately for the Minneapolis community and used his tight connections within our neighborhoods to help those in need. I ask that we remember the spirit and passion for equality and justice that Ronald Edwards helped shape in the city of Minneapolis.

HONORING THE CAREER OF TOM NASSIF UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 3, 2020

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Tom Nassif, as his service as President and CEO of Western Growers comes to an end.

The career of Tom Nassif has been defined by strong consistent advocacy for growers of produce in the western United States. The national discourse on immigration, trade, and water policy has been distinctly shaped by his work for more than four decades.

Tom Nassif received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from California State University, Los Angeles and his Juris Doctorate from California Western University, School of Law in San Diego, California.

Nassif has set himself apart by serving in a multitude of prestigious positions. He was a labor attorney for the agricultural industry, and most notably, one of the first attorneys to try a case before the Agricultural Labor Relations Board. In President Ronald Reagan's administration, he was appointed Deputy and Acting Chief of Protocol for the White House. In 1983, he was promoted to Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near East and South Asian affairs. After two years, President Reagan appointed him to be his ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco. After his term, he moved on to work as chairman of Gulf Interstate Engineering in Houston. Next, he became managing partner of Aequitas International Consulting, an international business and political consulting company.

In February of 2002, Nassif became President and CEO of Western Growers. In 2013, he utilized his legal skills to help produce an immigration bill that passed in the Senate. Not only that, under his leadership, he assisted with the first time specialty crops received recognition in federal policy, with the passage of Specialty Crop Competitiveness Act as part of an agriculture appropriations bill. He also was a huge contributor for the specialty crop provisions in the Farm Bill. Nassif was named the Western Growers' 2019 Award of Honor in recognition of his unique approach and impact on the produce industry. This is the highest recognition of achievement in the industry.

Tom Nassif has left his mark by advocating for transparency and quality service. Nassif's affinity for protecting farms has directly resulted in laws and programs that will carry on his legacy in the industry. He has commitment to creating programs to address areas like food safety and technology that are state of the art.

Now, Nassif serves on the Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee in Washington, D.C. and is one of the three national co-chairs for the Specialty Crop Farm Bill Alliance.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the service of Mr. Tom Nassif and wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 3, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote January 29 due to National Guard obligations. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 28; YEA on Roll Call No. 29; YEA on Roll Call No. 30; NAY on Roll Call No. 31, and YEA on Roll Call No. 32.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 3, 2020

Ms. SÁNCHEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the tireless work of school counselors across the country and in the 38th district of California that I am honored to represent. These public servants help develop well-rounded students by guiding them through their academic, social-emotional, and career development.

Humberto Solorio, a counselor at California High School in Whittier, California, is exactly the type of champion students need. Humberto has been a counselor at the school for eighteen years and has been instrumental in the lives of the students he works with in the school and its Business Academy.

He is also a Program Lead for the school's Fresh Air Mentoring program, which is a new creative and strategic intervention program at California High School. The program provides support to at-risk male students. Humberto, along with a team of counselors and teachers, help these students by teaching healthy coping strategies, planning for life after high school, and building authentic and genuine relationships.

Counselors, like Humberto, provide so much for our students. Not only do they help with career and college choices, but they are often the ones who help students cope with serious and common challenges of growing up, including peer pressure, bullying, mental health issues, trauma, disciplinary problems, and more. Unfortunately, the average student-counselor-ratio is 442-to-1 nationally which is almost double the American School Counselor Association recommended ratio of 250-to-1. Our students deserve to have the support of school counselors, and school counselors deserve our support.

That is why I am proud to introduce a resolution to designate the week of February 3, 2020, through February 7, 2020, as National School Counseling Week. I ask that all Members join me in recognizing the extraordinary work and dedication our school counselors have done to better the lives of young students.

THE LIFE OF REVEREND DR.
WALLACE HARTSFIELD, SR.

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 3, 2020

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life and memory of the late Reverend Dr. Wallace Hartsfield, Sr., a prominent religious and civil rights leader who devoted his life to the uplifting of mankind. Rev. Hartsfield's passion for community was only rivaled by the fierce adoration he had for his wife, four children, and many grandchildren. On Thursday, January 23, 2020, Rev. Hartsfield passed away after a deeply inspiring ninety years of life.

Born on November 13, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia, Rev. Hartsfield was an only child, raised by his mother in Jacksonville, Florida. Reverend Hartsfield proudly served his country, completing a three-year tour of duty with the United States Armed Services in the Philippines before going on to attend Clark College, where he graduated in 1954. Rev. Hartsfield later earned his Master of Divinity from Gammon Theological Seminary and went on to serve churches in South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Wichita before settling in Kansas City. He served as senior pastor of Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, one of Kansas City's largest African-American churches, from 1962 to 1968 and again from 1972 until his retirement in 2008. Rev. Hartsfield's son, Pastor Wallace S. Hartsfield, II succeeded his father's tenure at Metropolitan Missionary Baptist and continues the legacy of faith and leadership that his father established.

In connection to his lengthy and dedicated career of spiritual work, Rev. Hartsfield played a crucial role in the civil rights movement. Growing up in the segregated south, he was no stranger to the dark and deeply painful realities of our nation's history. Rev. Hartsfield committed himself to the fight for a more just world, using the negative experiences he endured and witnessed as motivation in the fight for equality and a better life for African Americans. Marching alongside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and working with Reverend Jesse Jackson on the PUSH campaign to improve economic opportunities for African Americans, Rev. Hartsfield embodied true leadership, compassion, and activism.

In all that he approached, Rev. Hartsfield did so with a fervent passion and steadfast desire for change. By serving on local, regional, and national boards, including as Chairman of the Congress of National Black Churches and President of the Baptist Ministers Union, creating the Concerned Clergy Coalition in an effort to combat crime, and leading a multi-million dollar campaign for Kansas City health centers, Rev. Hartsfield proved time and time again that he was truly a man of unparalleled dedication.

As an unwavering voice for doing what was morally just, Rev. Hartsfield helped to positively shape the future for generations to come. By serving as a beacon of light through dark moments in our history and ushering in hope in times of hopelessness, Rev. Hartsfield leaves behind a monumental legacy of service, courage, and perseverance.

Madam Speaker, please join Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in honoring the life of

Reverend Dr. Wallace Hartsfield, Sr. Let us carry forth with the same sense of duty and compassion of Rev. Hartsfield, always remembering his profound words: "I may not have the power to change things, but I can be a voice for change."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARKWAYNE MULLIN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 3, 2020

Mr. MULLIN. Madam Speaker, I was not present the week of January 27 through 31, 2020 on account of supporting my son's continuing recovery. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 23; YEA on Roll Call No. 24; NAY on Roll Call No. 25; NAY on Roll Call No. 26; YEA on Roll Call No. 27; NAY on Roll Call No. 28; YEA on Roll Call No. 29; YEA on Roll Call No. 30; NAY on Roll Call No. 31; YEA on Roll Call No. 32; NAY on Roll Call No. 33; and NAY on Roll Call No. 34.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, February 4, 2020 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 5

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the VA MISSION Act, focusing on the implementation of the Community Care Network.

SR-418

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine the power and purpose of parliamentary diplomacy, focusing on inter-parliamentary initiatives and the United States contribution.

CHOB-210

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine athlete safety and the integrity of U.S. Sport.

SH-216

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Fish and Wildlife Service.

SD-406

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kipp Kranbuhl, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Sarah C. Arbes, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Jason J. Fichtner, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board.

SD-215

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

FEBRUARY 6

10 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine United States Special Operations Command and United States Cyber Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2021 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-G50

FEBRUARY 11

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine a roadmap for effective cybersecurity, focusing on what states, locals, and the business community should know and do.

SD-342

FEBRUARY 12

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine protecting the United States from global pandemics.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Semi-annual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress.

SD-538

10:15 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine United States-Libya policy.

SD-419

FEBRUARY 13

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jessie K. Liu, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes, Department of the Treasury, and Judy Shelton, of California, and Christopher Waller, of Minnesota, both to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

SD-538

FEBRUARY 25

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine surface transportation reauthorization, focusing on public transportation stakeholders' perspectives.

SD-538